

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.21**

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
 - a) providing;
 - i) a human presenting symptoms of sepsis, and
 - ii) a therapeutic composition comprising an antibody, wherein said antibody consists of an antibody specific for SEQ ID NO:5; and
 - b) administering said therapeutic composition to said human under conditions such that at least one of said symptoms is reduced.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said human presents the symptoms of sepsis for a period in the range of approximately six to twelve hours prior to the administration of said therapeutic composition.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said antibody is polyclonal.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said antibody is monoclonal.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said antibody is not reactive with complement component C5.